

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

**Claim 1 (Original)** ~~A pigment~~ Pigment composition for the pigmentation of plastics, comprising 60-85% by weight of ~~characterised in that~~ one or more flake-form effect pigments, ~~based on the pigment composition, and are mixed with~~ an at least partially polar carrier material, which is an at least partially polar comonomer.

**Claim 2 (Canceled)**

**Claim 3 (Canceled)**

**Claim 4 (Currently Amended)** ~~The pigment~~ Pigment composition according to Claim 1, ~~wherein characterised in that~~ the melting range of the carrier material is between 70 and 200°C.

**Claim 5 (Canceled)**

**Claim 6 (Canceled)**

**Claim 7 (Currently Amended)** ~~The pigment~~ Pigment composition according to Claim 1, ~~wherein characterised in that~~ the copolymer is ~~a selected from the group consisting of the copolymers and or~~ terpolymer[[s]] with vinyl acetate, acrylate or acrylic acid comonomers, a polyvinyl alcohol copolymer[[s]], a polyvinyl ether copolymer[[s]], a polyvinylpyrrolidone copolymer[[s]], a polyethylene oxide copolymer[[s]], a acrylonitrile copolymer[[s]], a methyl methacrylate copolymer[[s]], a polyacetal copolymer[[s]], a polyamide copolymer[[s]] and/or a polyurethane copolymer[[s]].

**Claim 8 (Currently Amended)** ~~The pigment~~ Pigment composition according to Claim 1, ~~wherein characterised in that~~ the copolymer is an ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer or ethylene-acrylic acid copolymer.

**Claim 9 (Currently Amended)** The pigment ~~Pigment~~ composition according to Claim 1, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the flake-form effect pigment is a pearlescent pigment, metal-effect pigment, multilayered pigment having transparent, semi-transparent and/or opaque layers, holographic pigment, BiOCl pigment and/or LCP pigment.

**Claim 10 (Currently Amended)** A pigment ~~Pigment~~ composition according to Claim 1, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the pigment composition additionally comprises additives and/or auxiliaries.

**Claim 11 (Currently Amended)** A process ~~Process~~ for the preparation of a pigment composition according to Claim 1, comprising mixing ~~characterised in that~~ one or more flake-form effect pigments ~~are mixed~~ with an at least partially polar carrier material with inflow of heat.

**Claim 12 (Original)** The process ~~Process~~ according to Claim 11, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the at least partially polar carrier material is a partially polar copolymer. ~~and/or a mixture of two or more waxes, where at least one of the waxes is polar.~~

**Claim 13 (Currently Amended)** The process ~~Process~~ according to Claim 11, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the mixing of the one or more flake-form effect pigments is mixed with an at least partially polar carrier material which carrier is ~~is carried out in solution or has been melted, or by melting.~~

**Claim 14 (Currently Amended)** The process ~~Process~~ according to Claim 11, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the mixing of the one or more flake-form effect pigments and the at least partially polar carrier material is carried out at temperatures in the range from 70 to 240°C.

**Claim 15 (Currently Amended)** The process ~~Process~~ according to Claim 11, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ additives are additionally added to the mixture of flake-form

effect pigment and carrier material.

**Claim 16** (Currently Amended) ~~Use of the pigment composition according to Claim 1~~ In a process for the pigmentation of plastics ~~or~~ and for the production of masterbatches, ~~comprising combining a pigment and polymer, the improvement wherein the pigment is one of Claim 1.~~

**Claim 17** (New) The pigment composition according to Claim 1, which is in the form of a free-flowing powder.